

**Amendments to the claims:**

Claims 1-17: (canceled)

18. (new) A wiper blade for windshields of motor vehicles, comprising:  
an elongated, spring-elastic wiper strip, which is placeable in contact  
against a windshield to be wiped;

an elongated, spring-elastic carrying element as a first component,  
wherein said wiper strip is held substantially parallel to and along a longitudinal  
axis of the carrying element;

a connection device provided on a center section of the carrying element  
as a second component for counter connection means loaded on the windshield  
of a driven wiper arm, whereby the connection device has two contact surfaces,  
wherein said contact surfaces are spaced from one another and run parallel to  
one another and transversely to a driving direction, said contact surfaces  
oriented in vertical planes on the carrying element, wherein said contact surfaces  
cooperate with counter contact surfaces of the wiper arm, wherein one of the first  
and second components connected to one another is provided with elastic,  
deflectable locking means, wherein said locking means cooperates with counter  
locking means of the other of the first and second components, such that the first  
and second components are locked together, and wherein the connection device  
has at least one thickening with surfaces facing a longitudinal direction of the  
carrying element, wherein said surfaces form retaining shoulders, and wherein

counter retaining shoulders facing toward the retaining shoulders are formed on edges of at least one recess of the carrying element.

19. (new) The wiper blade according to claim 18, wherein the at least one thickening is formed on at least one elastic tongue.

20. (new) The wiper blade according to claim 18, wherein the at least one recess is arranged on an edge of the carrying element.

21. (new) The wiper blade according to claim 18, wherein the at least one recess is arranged on an interior of the carrying element.